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Re: Proteco' Post-Closure Permit Application
EPA I.D. No. PRD 091018622

Dear Mr. Soderberg:

Proteco seeks EPA's prior agreement that EPA will authorize payments from Proteco's Post-Closure Trust Account to pay the costs necessary for Proteco to remove and dispose of the leachate from the CAMU unit. Proteco expects that the cost of the CAMU leachate pumping and disposal will be less than \$30,000.

The Post-Closure Trust Account has a balance of \$578,216. (Proteco's current estimate of post-closure costs - - \$234,265 - - is significantly less than that amount.) The cost of the CAMU leachate pumping and disposal is included in the post-closure estimate and is supposed to be paid for by the trust funds. See pages I-4 and I-8 in Proteco's Post-Closure Plan. Proteco funded the Post-Closure Trust Account in good faith and is entitled to use those monies for the intended purpose - - the post-closure care of the former facility.

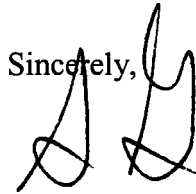
Proteco seeks assurance that EPA will allow Proteco to access its post-closure trust funds before it can authorize this work and incur the expenses. Proteco is ready to make the necessary arrangements to undertake this work as soon as EPA confirms its right to use its post-closure

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trust funds to pay for this work. Accordingly, Proteco requests that EPA expedite its review of this request and provide a prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sy Gruza', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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